

VENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). No such approval is necessary. Bihar State Electricity Board is expected to ensure that power generation in its stations is mexmised.

[English]

Meetings of Regional Film Certification Board

486. SHRIMATI MALINI BHAT-TACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to the Unstarred Question No. 5620 on September 4, 1991 and state:

(a) the number of times invitations were sent for viewing to the 28 members out of 37 of Eastern Regional Film Certification Board, who have attended less than 20 viewings;

(b) how many meetings of the RFCB were held during the last two years; and

(c) whether the Government propose to investigate the functioning of Eastern RFCB In view of less viewings by Members?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MIN-ISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Information is being collected.

(c) A view will be taken only on receipt of the above information.

[Translation]

Allotment of Newsprint Quota to Newspapers

487. SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have de-cided to allot newsprint quota to newspa-

pers after one year of their publication;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be implemented;

(c) whether small newspapers having less resources will face problems in publish-ing newspapers; and

(d) if so, the manner in which Govern-ment propose to help such small newspa-pers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MIN-ISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROAD-CASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The decision has been taken in order to check demand for newsprint towards ini-tial quota to fresh applicants and it is effec-tive from the date of notification on 4.10.91.

(c) and (d). The Newsprint Allocation Policy is determined keeping the view free-dom of press, healthy growth of press, con-strains of foreign exchange and checking of misuse of newsprint. This is applicable to all category of newspapers including small ones.

[English]

Relay of News in Regional Languages Through Satellite

488. PROF. UMMAREDDY VE-NKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of IN-FORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to relay the news in all regional languages on a Doordarshan by a separate channel through satellite;

(b) if so, whether the Government has